



Letter of Understanding regarding co-operation between CEPT/ERC and ESF-CRAF

Letter of Understanding made on the 27 of November 2000.

The Parties,

Conférence Européenne des Administrations des Postes et des
Télécommunications (CEPT) and its European Radio Committee (ERC),

and

the Expert Committee on Radio Astronomy Frequencies of the European Science
Foundation (ESF-CRAF),

having noted the need of structuring and strengthening their relationship and
fostering their co-operation;

recognising that:

CEPT/ERC is an organisation of governmental bodies, hence with limited
possibilities to enter binding agreements with a private association;

and that

ESF-CRAF is the Expert Committee of the European Science Foundation
representing European radio astronomy observatories;

and considering that :

- CEPT/ERC is the recognised organisation in Europe responsible for the
allocation of spectrum at European level in the field of radiocommunications ;
- ESF-CRAF is the ESF body mandated to keep the frequency bands used by
the radio astronomy service in Europe as free from interference as possible and
it develops common European views on related regulatory and technical
matters;
- CEPT/ERC and ESF-CRAF have a common interest and objective in ensuring
the most efficient use and management of the Frequency Spectrum for all
Radio applications ;

agree to co-operate as follows:

1. CEPT/ERC and *ESF-CRAF* agree to exchange information and seek, to the maximum extent possible, a common European approach concerning radio matters. The two parties may exchange as they may agree, free of charge, any information on programmes of work in areas of mutual interest.
2. Copies of relevant working documents from either Party shall be made available to the other Party on request. The dissemination by one Party of the documents received from the other party will be limited to the members of the relevant part of the receiving Party, and solely for the purpose of the activities relating to the Party's work programme.
3. All copyright, and other intellectual and industrial rights embodied in documents exchanged between CEPT/ERC and *ESF-CRAF* and any copies thereof, remain with the originating party and extend to all media in which the information may be embodied. Any reference to these documents shall be submitted to the agreement of the originating party prior communication to other bodies.
4. The *CEPT/ERC* Chairperson and the *ESF-CRAF* Chairperson having lead responsibility for spectrum issues should meet periodically at their convenience, but at least once a year.
5. Participation of one nominated Observer, or a substitute, from *ESF-CRAF* is normally permitted at meetings of the *CEPT/ERC*, its Working Groups, Project Teams and Task Groups.
6. Participation of one nominated Observer, or a substitute, from *CEPT/ERC* is normally permitted at meetings of the *ESF-CRAF*, its Working Groups, Project Teams and Task Groups.
7. Observers shall, to the extent permitted by the relevant Party's organisational statutes and rules, be entitled to participate fully in discussions on relevant work items, and may submit written contributions, but shall not be party in the decision making process .
8. *ESF-CRAF* may submit proposals to the relevant *CEPT/ERC* Body. These shall be adopted subject to the normal *CEPT/ERC* process for approval of new work items and outputs .
9. This Agreement shall last for three years and may be renewed by mutual consent. On its expiry, the Agreement shall be automatically renewed for further one-year periods unless otherwise agreed by the Parties. The Agreement can be terminated by either Party on giving three months' written notice before the expiry date.
10. The practical contacts and decisions for the application of this Agreement will be taken between the *CEPT/ERC* Chairperson and the *ESF-CRAF* Chairperson.

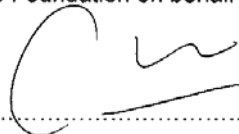
Agreed for CEPT/ERC by

Signature  Chairman CEPT/ERC

Name PATRICK CAREY

Date 27 NOVEMBER 2000

Agreed for European Science Foundation on behalf of ESF-CRAF by

Signature  ESF Secretary General

Name ERIC BANDA

Date 8 December 2000